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In re Patent Application of
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Examiner: S. Qazi

For: 5-MEMBERED RING HETEROCYCLES AS INHIBITORS OF
LEUCOCYTE ADHESION AND AS VLA-4 ANTAGONISTS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on
September 25, 1998:

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, line 5 (counting the formula as one line), change "R¹-A-C(R¹³)" to -- R¹-A-C(R¹³) < -- and change "R¹-A-CH=C" to -- R¹-A-CH=C < --.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending. Claim 13 has been amended to clarify that the only possible carbon atoms with open valences are the carbons in the definition of W that are part of the ring, as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced.

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is courteously solicited.

Applicants affirm the provisional election with traverse of the species of example 53. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's expansion of the search beyond the elected compound to cover the portion of the genus considered to be a "reasonable" expansion of the search. However, the restriction is still traversed

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